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August 23, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortsch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification – FCC Docket NO. 96-45

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2006 that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2006, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey J. Olson', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey J. Olson
General Manager
Red River Rural Telephone Association

enclosure

cc: USAC
State Certification
2120 L. Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Richland)

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Jeffrey J. Olson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Red River Rural Telephone Association (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2007, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2007 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

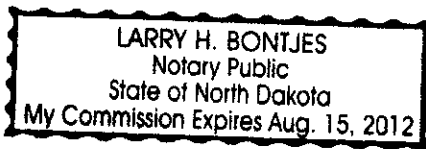
Dated this 23rd day of August, 2006.

RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE
ASSOCIATION

By Jeffrey J. Olson
Jeffrey J. Olson
Its Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Richland)

On this 23rd day of August, 2006, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEFFREY J. OLSON, known to me to be the Manager of RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Larry H Bontjes
_____, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Aug 15, 2012



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Ms. Karen Majcher
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division
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2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45 (NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached as Appendix A is a list of rural carriers certified by the NCUC pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. § 54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Very truly yours,

Jo Anne Sanford
Chair

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Attached: Appendix A

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Appendix A

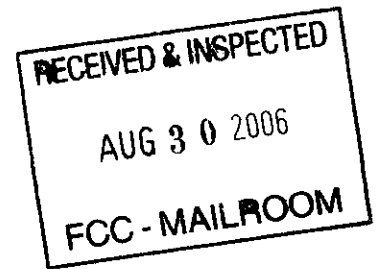
LIST OF ELIGIBLE RURAL CARRIERS

<u>Company</u>	<u>SAC Code</u>
Barnardsville Telephone Company	230469
Citizens Telephone Company	230473
Concord Telephone Company	230474
Ellerbe Telephone Company	230478
LEXCOM Telephone Company	230483
MEBTEL, Inc.	230485
Pineville Telephone Company	230494
Randolph Telephone Company	230495
Saluda Mountain Telephone Company	230498
Service Telephone Company	230500
Windstream North Carolina, Inc. (formerly, ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.)	230476



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RE: CC Docket 96-45
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133L)

Dear Secretary Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow non-rural service areas to receive federal high-cost support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.309 or 54.311.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.313(b), the NCUC certifies that North State Telephone Company is eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. The NCUC further certifies that this Company will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Very truly yours,

Jo Anne Sanford
Chair

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Re: Certification of the Comparability of Residential Rates in Rural Areas of North Carolina Served by Non-Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers to Urban Rates Nationwide Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.316, CC Docket No. 96-45 Released October 27, 2003
NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133L

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.316, hereby certifies that residential rates in rural areas of North Carolina served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers are comparable to urban rates nationwide. This certification is based on the fact that all rural residential rates in North Carolina are below the nationwide urban benchmark of \$34.58 and therefore comply with the "safe harbor" provision.

Please note that the only non-rural carrier receiving high cost support in North Carolina is North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications (SAC 230491).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Anne Sanford".

Jo Anne Sanford
Chair

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